

GOOD TIMBER

The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
That stood out in the open plain,
And always got its share of rain —
Never became a forest king,
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil,
Nor found his life has some turmoil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air —
Never became a manly man,
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease;
The stronger wind, the tougher trees;
The farther sky, the greater length;
The more the storm, the more the strength:
By sun and cold, by rain and snows
In tree or man, good timber grows.

Where thickest stands the forest growth
We find the patriarchs of both.
And they hold converse with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife —
This is the common law of life.

—Unknown



At the Big Trees - near Felton

Glad
Tidings

THE subject of prophecy ought to be familiar to Pentecostal people. But its consideration is always a delight.

The history of this gift is a long and honorable one. As a matter of fact, it has been in evidence since the first dispensation, next to Eden, and will reach its high crescendo in the thousand years of peace. It is not a particular, peculiar manifestation of the apostolic days or of the present Pentecostal Movement. It has been a normal, natural expression of the Spirit of God throughout all ages. Prophecy is literally the voice of the Holy Spirit, and He has always been articulate.

The first specific reference to the operation of the gift of prophecy is found in Jude 14: "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, 'Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints.'" How appropriate that the first prophetic utterance should span practically all prophecy and fix our gaze on something still unfulfilled, the great return of Christ to this earth in power and glory. Here was an operation of the gift of prophecy even before the flood.

Abraham, the father of the faithful, was a prophet (Gen. 20:7); and the prophet Moses was a type of the Great Prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ. Deut. 18:15, 18. When Moses grew weary of the burden which he bore, the Lord "took of the Spirit that was upon him and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied and did not cease." Num. 11:25. And when it was told Moses that two of the seventy remained in the camp and there prophesied and he was asked to forbid them, Moses replied: "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and the Lord would put His Spirit upon them." verse 29. This wish of Moses was also a prediction, for, lo, it will come to pass in the economy of God that He will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and they shall prophesy. Joel 2:28. All through the old Testament when the Holy Ghost moved holy men of God they *spoke* forth the prophecies which, written down, compose the ancient Scriptures. 2 Peter 1:21. Thus we see there is ample evidence even in the Old Testament that prophecy is the voice of the Holy Spirit.

As we cross the threshold into the New Testament we find the Holy Spirit still resting upon holy men and women and speaking forth through them in prophecy. "And it came to pass, that when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: and she *spoke* out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." Luke

PROPHECY

By Ralph M. Riggs

(Condensation of a message given during the 1951 camp meeting at Bethany Park).

1:41, 42. Her husband, Zacharias, "Was filled with the Holy Ghost, and *prophesied*." Luke 1:67. The Holy Ghost coming upon one breaks forth in divine utterance. "Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses." Acts 1:8. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and *began to speak* with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance." Acts 2:4. At Cornelius's household, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the Word and they *spoke* with tongues and magnified God. Acts 10:44, 46. At Ephesus "when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came on them and they *spoke* with tongues and prophesied." Acts 10:6. And even late in the great tribulation, just before the Lord returns to this earth, in the very midst of the anti-Christ's reign, God will give power unto His two witnesses and they shall *prophecy*. Rev. 11:3. It is not a new thing. It is not a strange thing. It is not even a dispensational thing. It is almost an eternal thing. From the translated Enoch unto the "all flesh" which shall prophecy through the millennium, prophecy has been and is the voice of the Holy Spirit. There is no paucity of proof that tongues is the evidence of the baptism of the Spirit.

Lest someone think that that last statement is not a logical conclusion from the premises laid down before it, let me point out that tongues and prophecy are essentially the same. When the 120 spoke in tongues on the Day of Pentecost, Peter said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall *prophecy*." Acts 2:16, 17. In other words, this "tongues" you hear is the prophecy Joel said would come. Thus, according to Peter, tongues is prophecy. "Greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret." 1 Cor. 14:5. Tongues plus interpretation equals prophecy. Prophecy and tongues are speaking under the power of the Holy Ghost, whatever the language. The only distinction is the language. If it is your own and that of those who hear you, it is prophecy. If it is "other" tongues, or another language, it is

tongues. Thus essentially there is no difference.

In the Old Testament times, salvation was of the Jews. A foreigner had to become a Jew in order to worship Jehovah. But he was welcome and was entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Jew when he became circumcised and thus joined the nation. One language—Hebrew—sufficed for all God's people, for they all were of one nation. But on the Day of Pentecost, the Lord expanded His program so that all nations could share His salvation without becoming Jews. "Teach all nations." "Circumcision availeth nothing." Every people, nation, tribe and tongue became equal recipients of His salvation. As soon as this program for all nations and all tongues was introduced, the Holy Spirit's voice became "tongues" as well as prophecy. Salvation was for home folks and for foreigners. That is the significance of the use of tongues as the voice of the Holy Spirit in this gospel age.

Now notice the expression in Numbers 11:25: "They prophesied and *did not cease*." The gift of prophecy abode upon them and continued to operate. On the day of Pentecost, we are told, "they began to speak with other tongues." No mention made of their ceasing to speak. Although 1 Corinthians 13:8 tells us that there will be a time when prophecies shall fail, yet we know that the two witnesses will prophecy at the utter end of the gospel age. Prophecies will not fail before then to be sure. Joel's prediction will have its complete fulfillment only in the millennium. Thus "they shall prophecy" will still be operating for another 1,000 years after the two witnesses prophesy. Prophecy was intended of God to CONTINUE. From age to age, from day to day. The Holy Spirit continually desires to find articulate expression through human lips. "When He is



Right: Superintendent W. T. Gaston with Ralph M. Riggs, Assistant General Superintendent at Bethany Park.

come, He shall testify of Me." John 15:26. Let Him testify again and again.

The very gospel itself is in evidence in the operation of this gift. This gift is "talking." How significant! Jesus has accomplished all the work of salvation. "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." John 17:4. There is nothing left now but to tell about it. It is all over but the shouting. And we are to do the shouting. Preach, tell, teach, witness. This is the sum total of what we are to do—everywhere. Prophecy is talk-

ing, telling, preaching, witnessing under the power of the Holy Spirit. Is this then the partnership? He did the work, we are to tell about it? Yes, but there is something else. Listen, O saint of God! Our God who finished the work of redemption will also tell about it **THROUGH YOU**. Open your mouth and let Him fill it! "Be filled with the Spirit"—*speaking*. Speak, tell, preach, proclaim the glad tidings of His full salvation in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let Him speak through you—and **DO NOT CEASE**.

Of the Steadfast it is said . . .

"He Shall Be Like A Tree"

by Edwin J. Holmes

Psalms 1:3

The picture given to us here in the first Psalm is of the blessed, happy, useful, and steadfast Christian, with the emphasis upon the steadfast.

The tree is ever a thing of beauty, a refuge of shade from the heat of the sun. The greatest and most enduring living things in the natural creation are trees. These characteristics of usefulness and beauty are greatly enhanced when the tree is planted beside the waters of a river. While fires may destroy those in the dryer places, and winds may break those in the higher places, and the heat may wither the leaves of those in less favored locations, the tree by the river, with its roots deep in the constant life-giving waters, is in a lowly place indeed, but a place of continued security.

The water here is, of course, the divine life of the Spirit, and the text speaks of it as "rivers," suggesting to our minds the abundance of the flow. Some time ago while laboring for the Lord in Nevada, near the mighty Colorado River, we visited Boulder Dam. The waters of the great river were piled up hundreds of feet deep to create Lake Mead, but still they flowed over the spillways, through the gates and on out to the sea. We thought of what God says of His river of grace: "Grace did much more abound." Rom. 5:20.

Most rivers have their flood stages, when the banks are full and the country is ravaged, and they also have their seasons of peaceful, sparkling, rippling, low water. The Bible tells us of many of the flood tides of the river of God. At creation the waters were high. In Noah's day they overflowed. At the time of the deliverance from Egypt, not only was there great saving power present, but much territory was laid waste by the flood. During the ministry, death and resurrection of Christ, this mighty torrent, now of grace and truth, swept over, overcame, and destroyed the authority and power of the enemy. "That Thou might-

est still the enemy and the avenger." Ps. 8:2. In our individual Christian experiences we are in contact at times with the flood stage of the rivers. At salvation the waters are high. At the baptism of the Holy Spirit they overflow. When God draws especially near and overcomes for us mightily the tide is high, but if we are planted beside the water we shall be just as steadfast in our faith and loyalty beside the peaceful quiet stream as beside the turbulent flood, assured that there is "Our God—which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our foot to be moved." Ps. 66:8,9.

In the first Psalm also are mentioned some things which may cause the leaves of this tree, the Christian, to wither and He himself to be moved.

"Nor standeth in the way of sinners"

The Christian must walk an entirely different path from the way of the sinner. His affections are set on things above, not on things beneath. While the sinner may strive after honesty as a virtue, God insists that the Christian go much beyond this standard to "giving, hoping for nothing again" that he may be the child of the Highest, for He is kind to the unthankful and the evil." The "way of the sinner" is to insist on his rights. The Christian surrenders his rights for the cause of peace. The sinner covets and delights to obtain his neighbor's possessions. The Christian considers his neighbor's good will of immeasurably greater value than to establish a claim to his possessions, because his roots are deep in the living waters.

"Walketh not in the council of the ungodly"

The ungodly are not necessarily irreligious, but are the chaff of Christian profession (verse 4). The *chaff* is not wheat but is closely associated with the wheat until the threshing time. The *chaff* hold religious services, draw great crowds, prophecy in the name of the Lord, lay claim to miracles, etc. Matt.

7:22. We have much *chaff* which claims to be Christian. And many, whose Christian victory depends entirely upon the flood stages of overflowing experiences, are drawn away after the chaff. They pray for miracles, and believe that God works and saves only by miracles, and when someone comes with a show of the miraculous, bogus or real, they flock to their standard, revel for a time in the ego of the chaff, to return (probably) if at all, with confidence shaken, faith betrayed and leaves of beauty and service withered. Someone asks: "How shall we distinguish between the wheat and the chaff?" "The *chaff* shall not stand in judgment." When the flail of judgment falls upon it, the chaff flies in the Masters face, while the wheat falls at His feet. The chaff is full of what *we* are, and what *we* have done. The attitude of the wheat is "Not I, but Christ."

The third and last mentioned attitude is perhaps the most dangerous of all.

"Nor sitteth in the seat of the Scornful."

The great outstanding example of the scornful in the Bible is, of course, the Pharisees class of the time of Christ. They were professors of godliness, schooled in God's laws, but apart from a few exceptions, consistently scornful of Christ, His works, and His followers. They said "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" "He casteth out devils but by Beelzebub, the Prince of Devils." They found fault with the liberty of the disciples, despising the horny hands of the toilers. Theirs were white with much washing. They were convinced of the truth of His teaching, and of the power of God upon Him. (John 3:2), but refused to yield to that conviction. Against them Christ spoke the most fearful words of rebuke (Matt. 23). We wonder whether the present generation of scornful shall receive less severe judgment. This generation is made up largely of those whom God has favored with light. They are students of His Word and have been zealous for His cause, but like their ancient ancestors, they have built up a shell of denominational tradition, and insist that God must conform His work to their traditions. God is just as independent of their theories as He was 1900 years ago, and He is still found outside these traditional barriers. To listen to their instructions, and hear them proclaim the letter from which the Spirit has departed is most deadening to faith. To sit in their seats is to withdraw oneself from the waters of the river, to lose the brightness of what experience we may have had and to follow in the way of withered leaves.

They who seek Christ, set Him first in all things, cherish and delight in the moving of the Holy Spirit and have learned where He leads "therein to be content" shall still be trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord.

He who abides in Christ has . . .

Adequate Resources

by Thomas L. Mendenhall

Jesus said to the church of Ephesus, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life." To live without developing antagonisms is impossible. We must overcome or be overcome; conquer or be conquered; suppress or be enslaved. This is the experience of all living organisms and the much-emphasized testimony of the Bible pertaining to man's spiritual life.

An exception was made by Jesus in the realm of physical violence and personal retaliation. Men fight each other because it is much easier to do so than to subdue the causes of their strife. But "he that ruleth his spirit . . . is better . . . than he that taketh a city." As the Christian conquers through the Lord Jesus, he becomes more than a conqueror by also becoming abundantly prepared for the glories of heaven.

The basis of all physical, mental, emotional and spiritual life is conflict, which is the price of living and determines whether we live little or much. It is an open fact of life that many commit partial suicide by refusing to accept this challenge in one or more phases of their lives. Health is the balance between the physical organism and the forces of external nature and is maintained by sufficient vitality within to overcome the forces which are designed to put it to death.

Health of mind is maintained by overcoming the forces of frustration. Mental disease results from negative rather than positive thinking. Therefore the Apostle Paul admonishes the

Philippian Church to positive thinking with these words: "If there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

Moral and emotional conflict is evidenced everywhere. The sinner comes to despise the Son of God and to hate the saint of God as Jesus so accurately predicted. Our caliber will determine the extent to which we overcome in this realm. As soon as we fight as a good soldier we become virtuous in that particular thing. Virtue is acquired in every case and is not the result of human weakness or inactivity.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." In these words, plus many others, Jesus referred to the spiritual conflict for which we would need the panoply or armor of God. Everything that is not spiritual makes for our undoing—and sometimes we are so completely undone. Pitiful, is it not? Yet Jesus said, we should pray and faint not. This is just as true when the heavens seem brass and we become weary, tired and heavy hearted as when we feel more in the proper mood. Moods never fit into the spiritual person's life. We are not to be weary in well doing though our wants and desires are thwarted by rebuff and unfriendliness. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves though he be cold, indifferent, designing, and we are tempted to despair.

Like the disciples, we feel like crying out, "Carest Thou not that we perish?" The tempest is raging and everything seems so futile. The tempter would invite us to self-pity and bitter recrimination and remorse. But look up and Jesus will say, "To him that overcometh" He it is that shall be made more than conqueror. Jesus knows best; He understands. He gives a song; He says peace be still. If God has said it is possible to overcome, we must demonstrate that it is true. Then it is that our experience becomes glorious.

To be sure, there is risk involved in this spiritual conflict, as well as rewards for choices rightly made. Symbolism is a risk connected with worship which has been a pitfall to godly people through the centuries. Aaron made the golden calf and said, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of Egypt." Heedless of the continuous exhortation of the Spirit of God that the "just shall live by faith"; Christians today still make things to become

symbolic representations of God to them. Though we may be extremely critical of Aaron who acted under extreme pressure, we today are prone to allow the fulfillment of our desires and wants to become a symbol of God's blessing while we represent adversity as the opposite. With no money, friends, loved ones, shelter and food—when all has forsaken us; can we look into the face of God and say with Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him?" Would you feel it blessed to be alone with God in Gethsemane? Only then might it be possible for us to stand as a critic of Aaron's action.

The Pentecostal experience is wonderful, necessary, glorious—even beyond our understanding. Since it is only the first step into deeper spiritual understanding, we must keep filled with the Spirit. We must not allow an experience to become merely sacramentalism as did the Children of Israel who burned incense to the brazen serpent until Hezekiah destroyed it. As this undue exaltation of the means of grace was a pitfall to them so it may be today. The sin of making the means of grace a substitute for God Himself has been one of the major factors in the decline of most religious movements since the reformation. It must not be true of God's people today.

Some have committed this evil in the improper emphasis of healing, the second coming of Christ and other of God's wonderful and blessed truths and blessings. Our Christian living should be by constant effort, but not by over-conscious effort. It is a process carried on by direct violation without being conscious of every detail much as eating

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BE YE ALSO READY

Matthew 24

Ready to go — ready to stay.
Ready a gap to fill,
Ready for service, small or great—
Ready to do His will.
Ready to suffer grief or pain.
Ready to stand the test;
Ready to stay at home, and send
Others, if He see best
Ready to do — ready to bear.
Ready to watch and pray;
Ready to stand aside, and wait
Till He shall clear the way.
Ready to speak, ready to think,
Ready with heart and brain.
Ready to start when he sees fit.
Ready to share the strain.
Ready to seek — ready to warn.
Ready o'er souls to yearn,
Ready in life, ready in death.
Ready for His return.

and walking. This can only be true if God, and God alone, is the center of our lives and living. It is Jesus, only Jesus who makes it possible for us to have God's blessings.

The Apostle Paul says, "Be established in the present truth." *"For if these things be in you and abound, they make you neither idle or unfruitful."* The warning carries the implication to avoid making habit a substitution for God. Some have come to substitute prayer, going to church, Bible reading for God. These things we must do, but they are only a means to an end, not the end in themselves. They must not be hours spent with our habits, but vital, directive hours spent with God. Learn to be at home with and to God anywhere. Let God press through your circumstance until He is pre-eminent and present.

Almost unlimited are the applications of this principle, but for our purpose we need to look at just one more. We find that formalism, ceremonialism, and externalism prevalent today as it was in the time of the Judges of Israel when "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes." The Scripture says, *"In patience possess ye your souls."* This eliminates moods for those who might be tempermental—mostly temper. Many prefer to remain at the threshold of the experience of new birth which is like stairs. As long as we remain on the first step we block others from reaching the glories above us. Every step we take leaves room for others to follow. Too often we blame the devil for our moods rather than our own undisciplined natures. Moods do not go by praying, but by disciplining ourselves. We discover that we "can do all things through Christ" which strengtheneth us. The curse is not that we cannot, but that we won't.

Our spiritual life does not depend on watching any more than lilies depend upon watching to grow. We grow spiritually not by concentration on our spiritual aptitudes, but by concentration upon Jesus and by abiding in Him. Like the lilies we grow, then, perfectly, simply, unaffectedly by overcoming. Lives like this molds others into patterns of godliness.

The feeling that we must do this or that is negative and for shallow souls. Be concerned with Jesus and we will always do the right things and never the wrong. Think on these things. Shadows, fears, doubts, desires, ambitions, pride, sorrow, discouragement will vanish like darkness at the coming of light. Jesus then becomes the adequate resources for the one who desires to overcome that he may eat of the tree of life.

A HAPPY MAN

He was born in the City of Regeneration, in the Parish of Repentance unto Life. He was educated in the School of Obedience. He now lives on the Plains of Perverserance, and works at his Trade of Diligence, notwithstanding which he has a large estate in the country of Christian Contentment. He many times does odd jobs of selfdenial.

He wears the plain garment of humility, but has a better suit to put on, called the Robe of Righteousness. He often walks in the Valley of Self-abasement and sometimes climbs the Hill of Spiritual Mindedness. He breakfasts every morning on prayer, and sups every evening on the same. He has meat to eat that the world knows not of, and his drink is the Sincere Milk of the Word.

Thus, happy he lives and happy he dies. Happy is he who has gospel submission in his will, due order in his affections, sound peace in his conscience, sanctifying grace in his heart, the Redeemer's yoke on his neck, a crown of victory on his head, and a vain world at his feet.

Happy is the life and glorious is the death of such a man.—Selected.

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Martin Luther's preaching aroused the church from a thousand year's slumber during the Dark Ages—the devil's millennium. It is easy to understand why when we discover how Luther preached. He said: "I preach as though Christ were crucified yesterday; rose again from the dead today; and is coming back to earth again tomorrow.

REDWOOD SECTION CAMP MEETING

August 13 to 24

PYTHIAN PARK, CALIF.

(35 miles southeast of Eureka)

Speaker: T. T. WARD

(of Anaheim)



Meals will be served family style. The cost will be \$8.50 per week or \$14.00 for the season. Those attending must bring tents, bedding and all equipment necessary for living on the grounds. Pastor Clarence J. Larson of Eureka is the District Presbyter. For further information write Pastor Warren Pine, Weott, Calif.

TEN LITTLE CHRISTIANS

Ten little Christians standing in a line,
One didn't like the preacher—then there were nine.

Nine little Christians stayed up very late,
One slept on Sunday morning—then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on the road to heaven,
One took the lower road—then there were seven.

Seven little Christians got in an awful fix,
One didn't like the music—then there were six.

Six little Christians, seemed very much alive,
But one lost interest—so then there were five.

Five little Christians, wishing there were more,
But they quarreled with each other—then there were four.

Four little Christians, cheerful as could be,
But one lost his temper—then there were three.

Three little Christians did not know what to do,
One joined a bridge club—then there were two.

Two little Christians, our rhyme is almost done,
Differed with each other—then there was one.

One lone Christian won her neighbor Sue,
Brought her to the church—and there were two.

Two earnest Christians, each won one more;
That doubled their number—so then there were four.

Four sincere Christians worked very late,
But each won another—so then there were eight.

Eight splendid Christians—
—Nothing rhymes with "sixteen" so we simply note that in seven more jingles there would be over one thousand Christians. What a big church that would be.

(Submitted by D. G. Weston)

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The fear of God makes a hero; the fear of man makes a coward.

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TRUE FASTING

Let your ear fast from rumors, slander, gossip, controversy, and your tongue fast from detraction, mumuring, fault-finding. God's judgment is a judgment of love. Let ours ever fashion on that high model.—A B. Simpson.

The District Council

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Changes in District Membership

From January 1 to June 30, 1951

Transferred INTO the District:

Clarence Arnold, (Licensed) from Southern California.
Saul P. Benjamin (Ordained) from Foreign Missions Department.
M. D. Blodgett (Ordained) from Texas.
Jack Carmichael (Licensed) from Southern California.
Louis R. Davidson (Licensed) from Texas.
Chas. R. Dobbins (Ordained) from Southern California.
James A. Duguid (Ordained) from New Mexico.
Rachel M. Duguid (Licensed) from New Mexico.
Joe H. Harper (Ordained) from New Mexico.
Wilbur Harris (Ordained) from Southern California.
Lena B. Hendon (Licensed) from Southern California.
R. E. Henke (Ordained) from Latin American Council.
Victor Johnson (Ordained) from Southern California.
Gaylord A. Kindschy (Licensed) from Rocky Mountain District.
Opal E. Lagmay (Mrs. E. C.) (Ordained) from Kansas.
John A. Lindvall (Ordained) from Foreign Missions Department.
R. N. Lockwood (Licensed) from Texas.
Arthur M. Otteson (Ordained) from Minnesota.
J. W. Pense (Ordained) from Wyoming.
Mrs. J. W. Pense (Licensed) from Wyoming.

Fern I. Rolfe (Ordained) from Ohio.
Thomas F. Sandry (Licensed) from Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.
W. W. Simpson (Ordained) from Foreign Missions Department.
Wm. Skondeen (Ordained) from Alabama.
Thomas G. Sutton (Ordained) from Ohio.
James R. Swanson (Ordained) Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.
W. O. Vickery (Licensed) from Texas.
R. A. Work (Ordained) from Oklahoma.
Transferred OUT of the District
Stanley E. Aitken (Licensed) to Oregon.
George H. Barr (Licensed) to Rocky Mountain District.
Helen M. Beasley (Licensed) to Oregon.
R. R. Carmichael (Ordained) to Southern California.
Adele Carmichael (Mrs. R. R.) (Ordained) to Southern California.
Jack C. Colas (Ordained) to New Mexico.
Charles A. Eddings (Christian Worker) to Oregon.
Howard K. Gandy (Ordained) to Texas.
Elmer D. Geesey (Licensed) to Arizona.
L. Gene Geesey (Licensed) to Rocky Mountain.
David J. Guenther (Licensed) to Wisconsin-Northern Michigan.
Martin M. Jensen (Licensed) to Texas.
H. T. Langley (Ordained) to Southern California.
J. R. Lindley (Ordained) to Southern California.
Hattie Matheus (Ordained) to Southern California.
Vernon H. Ragsdale (Ordained) to Southern California.

ATTEND GENERAL COUNCIL IF YOU CAN

"The Second Half Century of Pentecost" is the theme of the 1951 General Council meeting, the twenty-fourth biennial General Council, to be held in Atlanta Georgia, from August 16 to 23 in the Municipal Auditorium. Brother Robert Fierre will be the speaker in the great Christ's Ambassadors' rally scheduled for the evening of August 15.

The convention in session will review the work of the Assemblies of God for the past two years and form policies in looking toward the future, as well as to elect officers for the coming two years. The scheduled program includes services to inspire spiritual refreshing and opportunities for fellowship with others who have gathered from every state in the Union.

The list of Main speakers for the convention includes our District Superintendent, W. T. Gaston. The General Superintendent, Wesley R. Steelberg, will bring the opening message Thursday morning, August 16. Besides the C. A. rally, the special services planned are Sunday school service, Women's Missionary Council service, and Christian Educational service.

ern California.

Waymon P. Rutledge (Licensed) to New Mexico.

V. Ernest Shores (Ordained) to Arizona.

Burlingame Pastor Is New District Missionary Secretary

Pastor Leonard Palmer of Burlingame has been chosen to serve as missionary secretary of our District, the position being the same as that in many of the other districts in the fellowship. The work of the missionary secretary is to coordinate missionary itineraries through the District, helping both churches and missionaries, as well as to promote interest in missions by arranging missionary conventions in various sections and in general serving the cause of missions through the District fellowship.

A good remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet.

Ministers and Wives Enjoy Special Classes

Left: Ralph M. Riggs, Assistant General Superintendent, speaking in the school chapel for the ministers' institute held during camp meeting.



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The first column shows amount received in June. If this is in addition to former gifts, the new total is shown in the second column.

From Churches

		New Total
Biola Assembly of God	\$ 3.00	\$ 35.00
Burney Wayside Chapel	25.00	37.50
Fairfield Glad Tidings Tabernacle	90.50	156.43
Grass Valley Bethel Church	50.00	160.10
Gridley Assembly	25.00	184.20
Hollister Full Gospel Tabernacle	16.00	185.25
Kerman Grace and Truth Tabernacle	42.49	269.52
Manteca Glad Tidings Tabernacle	15.00	78.19
Modesto Airport Assembly	10.00	60.00
Modesto Bethel Church	25.00	1,025.00
Oakland Bethel Tabernacle	16.63	622.93
Oakland (East) Full Gospel Tabernacle	5.10	70.40
San Francisco Bethel Church	50.00	550.00
San Jose Italian Assembly	5.00	64.40
San Rafael Assembly	2.80	83.05
Sebastopol Assembly	27.50	398.05
Stirling City Assembly	5.00	35.55
Susanville Assembly	33.00	154.25
Yreka Full Gospel Assembly	50.00	75.00

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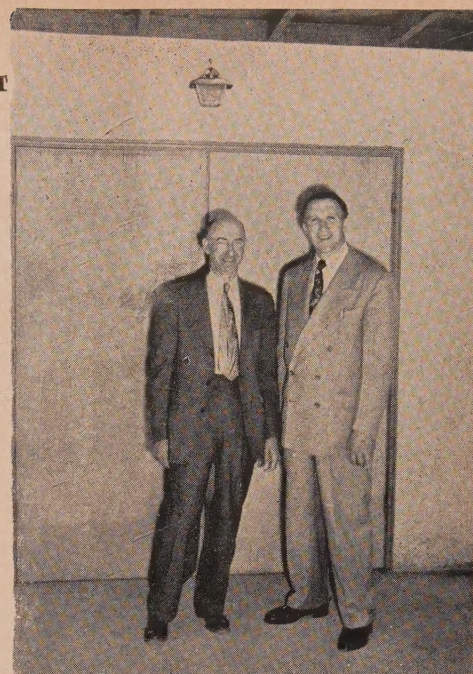
Edward Byram, Pinedale	25.00	50.00
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Anna Pearl Boyd, Santa Cruz	20.00	35.00
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SUNDAY MORNING AT BETHANY PARK

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Brother Dwight H. McLaughlin, the other camp speaker, and Brother R. J. Thurmond are pictured outside the door of the chapel — between sessions of the ministers' institute. On August 1, Brother McLaughlin assumes his new duties as superintendent of the Northwest District, with office in Seattle.



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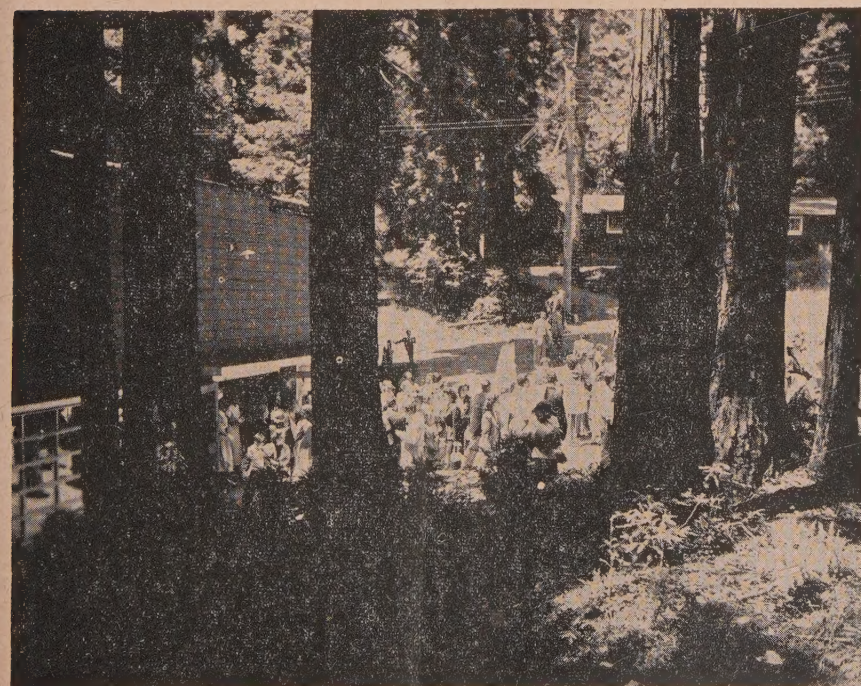
AUGUST

6—El Cerrito, Hoopa, Manteca
13—Auburn, Fort Bragg,
Lafayette
20—Sausalito
21—Burney
27—Highway City, Watsonville
(Bethel)

SEPTEMBER

3—Elko, Fruitland, Quincy,
San Leandro, Stockton
(Eastside)
10—Sunnyvale, Ukiah, Walnut
Creek
17—Benicia
18—Tulelake
24—Firebaugh, Paradise,
Salinas (Alisal)

Left:
Crowd
leaving
Tabernacle
service
during
camp
meeting.



President's Column

R. C. FULMER
123 West St., Woodland
President and C. A. Editor

Christ's Am

Vesper Verbatims

As this column is written, C. A.'s are the midst of camp meeting. Each evening during the vesper services in the Redwood Bowl different youth speakers have been opening a veritable treasure chest of spiritual inspiration. From each of those messages we have taken a kernel of thought to pass on to our readers.

Roland Wessels: "Education is not the main thing, but the power of God in one's life is."

Bernhard Johnson: "In Christ all is included: salvation, healing, blessing, spiritual infilling, and power over sin."

Elaine Daniels: "We wish to thank the C. A.'s of your District for a shiny new Speed-the-Light car that is waiting for us in New York City. We will be taking it back to the field of Peru with us."

Phil Gibson: "The atonement of His blood not only can take away our sin, but it can subdue our sin. We are washed with the water and the blood."

Chaplain James Duguid: "I know from personal observation that a boy can go into the Army and live a clean positive Christian life."

Robert Carrington: "We compare ourselves with others and are not so bad. But we need to see ourselves as God sees us. This requires a vision of one's self."

Eddie Washington: "Once you find the will of God you will be satisfied. Even if persecuted you will be satisfied. If facing the firing squad you are satisfied. But being in the will of God is the secret."

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed, easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

Below: Keith Hill leads singing at the camp vesper service.

Right: A view of the group, as seen from the platform. A larger proportion of the crowd is out of range, to the left of the song leader.

Serving Those Who Serve

Within a few months it will have been six years since the most bloody and devastating war in all history came to a close. In 1945 the faces of the people of the world were bright with hope. There were great expectations that a long era of peace lay ahead. But in a very brief space of time all those fond hopes have been dashed to the ground.

Today, so soon after the end of World War II, our boys are once again spilling their blood on foreign soil. Our nation is re-creating a vast fighting machine and gearing its entire industrial and economic strength to war. Above all, thousands, even millions, of our men are being called back into uniform.

THEY NEED THE GOSPEL

The dislocations caused by the arming and militarization of a large body of our nation's manhood create many problems. When men are taken from the normal, peaceful pursuits of life and taught the arts of war, made skillful in slaughter and butchery, there is an inevitable hardening and brutalizing that results. When men are taken away from the restraining and uplifting influences of the family, community and church, they tend to forget their moral standards.

All the forces of evil seem to be aware of this. Booze joints, low theatres, houses of ill fame, and unsavory dives of one kind or another, have a way of springing up in the vicinity of army camps and flaunting their wares.

As if things were not bad enough, the serviceman, when he has some free time, is generally lonely, bored, and tired, and falls easy prey to Satans snares. Unless a man has a deep Christian experience, and unless Christ is real in his life and the Holy Spirit his

guide, there is little within him to fortify him against the temptations thrown in his pathway. Nor is there much outside of him to exact a good influence on him, either. Family, friends, minister, are far away, and the devil whispers, "No one will know." From there it's an easy step to sin.

As we think of these things, we must be made to realize that the spiritual needs of the serviceman present a real challenge to us. Here is a vast mission field ripe for the harvest. Our servicemen need God and they need him badly.

They need him for their guide and inner strength because of their keener temptations. They need to be prepared to meet God when they go out to meet Him as Father, not as angry Judge.

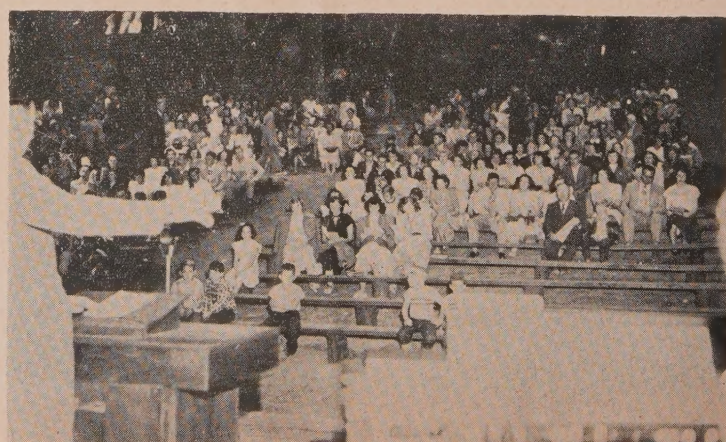
They need to know Him because many of them will be maimed and crippled for life. Unless they have the hope and peace that salvation brings, life to those who meet this fate will seem meaningless and a mockery. Their spirits will be warped with cynicism and bitterness.

They need Him because many of them will be coming back to wives and sweethearts to whom they have not been true. They will be coming back with soiled bodies, soiled minds, and soiled character, unless we do all we can to fight the forces of evil.

We have the message of the gospel. We need to stir ourselves to feel the burden of the need, to catch a vision of the possibilities of victory for those who work and pray and answer the Master's call.

THEY WILL LISTEN

The hearts of military men are receptive, on the whole. Generally, they are keenly aware of their temptations



and their own inadequacy to fight the pull of their passions. They are often sobered by the realization of the dangers they face; hence they are not as susceptible to one of Satan's favorite arguments: "There is plenty of time."

In the New Testament we have several mentions of military men. In each case we find a favorable and open attitude toward the things of God.

The Scripture tells us that the centurion at Capernaum actually caused Jesus to marvel. (1) Of him the Master said, "I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel."

Then there was the Roman centurion who stood at the foot of the cross when Jesus died. (2) It was he who gave expression to that great confession to Jesus' divine and supernatural nature when he said, "Truly this was the Son of God"

Cornelius, the centurion, (3) was the first Gentile to receive the promise of the Holy Spirit. The record says of him that he was "a devout man and one that feared God with all his house."

In Acts we read of the journey (4) which the Apostle Paul took to Rome by sea, as a prisoner in charge of Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band—the journey that ended in shipwreck. It was the centurion who listened to Paul's words concerning God's promise of saving everyone in the ship, and it was he who protected Paul's life when everyone else wanted to kill him.

In these four portraits we have presented to us, first of all, a military man who had unusual faith in God, another who had deep spiritual discernment and who was not ashamed to confess with his lips that Christ was God, a third who was hungry for God, and still another who was decent, humane, and who had respect to a message from God.

As it was then, so it is today. Of course, not every soldier, sailor, marine, or airman will prove to be open to the message of the gospel. There are many cynics, scoffers and Christ-rejectors in their ranks; but it is pretty safe to say that everyone working among servicemen will find that, on the whole, they are not *less*, but *more* receptive to the gospel than the average person.

The writer of this article remembers an occasion during the last war in his home city, when he happened to en-



THE CHOIR in the evening tabernacle services at the camp meeting at Bethany Park was made up of C. A.'s. Here is part of the group of young people on the long platform.

counter a soldier and two civilian fellows on the street. He handed a tract to the group. One of the civilians sneered and was about to throw the tract away, when the soldier restrained him and said, "No, don't. This is good; this is what we need." This may be taken as being typical of the greater readiness of the man in uniform to pay heed to God than his fellow citizen who is a civilian.

HOW CAN WE REACH THEM

Granted that the soldiers need the gospel and will, generally speaking, be receptive to it, the problem now is how we can best reach them.

Gospel literature has always been and will always be an effective means of reaching the serviceman. If placed in his hands, it will do much toward making him aware of the divine remedy for his soul's need. The Servicemen's Division of the Christ's Ambassadors Department, is doing a great deal through its contacts with chaplains and servicemen to give a wide circulation to its special servicemen's publications—*Reveille*, *Chat* and *E. X. Private Series* tracts.

If your group happens to be in a city or town near a military or naval center, you might find it a blessed and profitable undertaking to organize tract teams to distribute the printed word on

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CIRCUMSTANCES?

By Don Mallough
National C. A. Secretary

There is not one of us but that has times of discouragement. At such times we are prone to lay the blame to our circumstances or environment. We are apt to dream about what we could do if only there were some changes in our circumstances. Thoughts go through our minds like this: "If I only had more time for Christian service"; "If I could only attend a larger church"; "If we only had more talent in our C.A. group". A continual wishing like that tends to emphasize small obstacles and thus we overlook what we can do as things now are.

Someone asked a scientist as to his opinion of heaven. "A perfect being in a perfect environment," was his very sage reply. Such a thought leads us to believe that there will be no perfect environment until we reach heaven. The quicker we realize that the better for us. Instead of dreaming of a perfect setup, let us put forth our best efforts under conditions that now exist. Our circumstances are not perfect but neither are we! The man who is a success is not the one who falls into an easy place, but one who forges ahead regardless of his own shortcomings or the adverse circumstances that bear on his work.

More than ever we are made to realize that we have a great work to do. Let us grasp our present opportunities and utilize them to the fullest degree. Instead of looking to what we don't have, let us be aware of what we possess. With that objective in mind we will make rapid strides forward.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

L. W. SUTER, District Sunday School Director

October Is Enlargement Month

by Bert Webb

October has been designated as Enlargement Month by the National Sunday School Department. An enlargement campaign is a period of time devoted to gaining people in the Sunday school. It is a period of days when definite attention is given to the building up of your Sunday school.

MATERIALS NECESSARY

Secure materials and map out the sections in the community. I would like to pause here to say that in setting up a community census program that it is vital to make clear to people who work with you what you wish to do. One of the best ways to make it clear is to be clear yourself before you start. You can work yourself into a frenzy and tell them things to do, but it is a tremendous help to tell them WHAT to do. In your census plan, tell them: "I want you to go at three o'clock to Sister Jones who lives on such and such a street. And this is the reason I want you to go." We ought to be specific. We ought to be definite. That is why we should study a map of the community. Give the people a definite number of blocks to cover.

ENLISTING WORKERS

I do not believe that it is always true that people are always indifferent because they fail to respond to a call for volunteers. So many people are timid. There may be folk in your church that may be good workers who hesitate to volunteer because they feel it is presumptuous. They are afraid somebody will say that they think they are more capable than anyone else.

INSTRUCTIONS

You will need to instruct them in the work that you want them to do. Tell them what information you want them so secure and how to make the approach.

ENLARGEMENT BY CENSUS

1. TABULATING CENSUS RECORDS.

Do you ever save the newspaper, thinking that you will look it over some day? Do you file away notes taken at a convention? Do you ever scribble a Scripture on the back of an envelope thinking that sometime you may preach a sermon from it? Do those things accumulate and you never do much with them? If you have every done that, be warned that it is possible to take a census, get the results and contacts and do very little about it.

2. CHURCH FAMILY CENSUS.

Mother and Dad may have sons and daughters who have never gone to Sunday school. They may have children whom you ought to reach. By the same rule, there may be mothers and dads who do not go to Sunday school.

Workers are sent to every home in the area to get the necessary information for completion of the census.

4. PUBLIC SCHOOL CENSUS.

We defeat ourselves because we believe that we are going to get opposition. We meet about as much opposition as we expect to meet. We stand back and suppose that people are opposed to us. There is a business man in our city who, I felt, for years was holding me off. He always ate at a circular table at the Colonial Hotel. When my office was opposite that hotel, I used to go in there to eat. I used to see him sitting there. One day I went down there to eat and found that every seat was taken. I was ready to leave, and then this very man whom I had never been able to approach (I suppose he put me down as just another Pentecostal preacher) said, "Brother Webb, come eat with us." I sat down there and ate with eight or nine business men of our city. I found this man one of the most cordial, friendly persons I had ever met. They asked about the convention. They wanted to know where the Ambassador is, and about this and that. I ate and preached for about forty-five minutes. The man never did feel as I supposed he felt. If we are going to rescue those poor sinners from eternal death, we must believe that everybody wants to get saved just as soon as possible.

ABSENTEE FOLLOW-UP

Failure to follow up absentees probably contributes as much as any one thing to lack of growth.

METHOD OF FOLLOW-UP

1. A post card or letter
2. A telephone call
3. A visit by a designated visitor

4. A visit by the teacher

How many times have you felt that you discharged your duty when you mailed a card saying, "We missed you Sunday"? Or you called that absentee on the telephone? Or you said, "I didn't have time to visit him, so I asked someone else to visit him for me?" These methods may all be used, but the ideal method is for the Sunday school teacher himself to visit the absentee. Teacher, you are to that pupil what the pastor is to the church. There is no one who can visit that absent pupil with the same result which you would have if you visited him.

NECESSARY DETAILS

1. Adequate records
2. Delegate authority: make someone responsible
3. Be specific.
4. Require a report on absentee visitation.

There is a Sunday school in this district that averages 300 to 400 pupils. I commended the pastor. However, he said to me, "It is true we have a phenomenal, blessed growth, but I am ashamed to tell you that there are more people that have gone out than we have in attendance. We would have been twice as big as we are now if we could have kept those we got in."

FURTHER METHODS OF ENLARGEMENT

Constant Push for Growth

1. KEEP ENTIRE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYING AND CONCERNED.

Do you know what happens when an evangelist is called whose chief ministry of preaching is on the baptism of the Holy Spirit? More people get the baptism. People believe God for what they are encouraged to believe Him for. Why not preach and pray concerning the growth of the Sunday school? If you keep people praying about the Sunday school, you will keep them interested.

2. PUBLISH A BULLETIN.

(Mimeographed or printed) Another way is to publish a Sunday school bulletin. A hectograph costs about \$2. Economically you can produce a bulletin. Get what you are doing before the community. Get what you are doing before the Sunday school, before the church.

3. ANNOUNCE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ALL SERVICES.

Preach the Sunday school and its possibilities. Take a whole Sunday morning

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sermon. It is a healthy thing to take a spiritual view and get it right into the sermon.

4. PREACH ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

I suppose that I might be a little prejudiced. I think it is important that an evangelist be Sunday school-minded. When I am holding a campaign, I do not think it is right to lie in bed and miss Sunday school. The very least I can do is show the people the importance of Sunday school. An evangelist is in a strategic position to do a lot for the Sunday school. Give the evangelist the opportunity that he needs to boost the Sunday school, and if he doesn't ask for it, you bring it up.

5. CONTINUALLY BUILD A PROSPECT FILE.

RALLY DAYS

1. *Annually.*
2. *Quarterly.*
3. *In relation to special days, Easter, promotion day or decision day, etc.*
4. *Homecoming.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

1. *Sunday school-minded evangelist as the leader*
2. *Link decision day with revival*
3. *Have Sunday school night when classes sit together.*

QUOTAS FOR CLASSES

It must be remembered that drives, rallies, and contests are practically effort wasted unless adequate and consistent follow-up is provided. As suggested in the beginning, our approach must be a spiritual one, born of a genuine heart concern for the souls of those to whom we minister. This must underlie all our plans and program if we are wholly to please the Lord.

HONEST LIQUOR ADVERTISING

This advertising of a liquor shop appeared in a Boise, Idaho, newspaper. It is the first piece of honest liquor advertising we've seen.

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I will undertake on short notice, for a small sum, and with great expectations to prepare victims for the asylum, poor farm, prison and gallows and hell.

I will furnish an article which will increase fatal accidents, multiply the

number of distressing diseases, and render those which are harmless incurable.

I will cause many of the rising generations to grow up in ignorance and prove a burden and a nuisance to the nation.

I will deal in drugs which will deprive some of life, many of reason, most of property, and all of peace; which will cause fathers to become fiends and wives widows, children orphans, and all mendicants.

I will cause mothers to forget their offspring, and cruelty to take the place of love.

I will sometimes even corrupt the ministers of religion, defile the purity of the church, and cause temporal, spiritual, and eternal death, and if any should be so impertinent as to ask why I have the audacity to bring such accumulated misery upon the people, my honest reply is MONEY! The spirit of trade is profitable and some professing Christians give it their cheerful countenance.

I have purchased the right to demolish the character, destroy the health, shorten the lives, and ruin the souls of those who choose to honor me with their custom.

I pledge myself to do all I have promised. Those who wish any of the evils above specified brought upon themselves or their friends are requested to meet me at my bar, where I will for few cents furnish them the certain means of doing so.

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JUST SUPPOSE

Just suppose the Lord should begin tomorrow to make people as sick as they are on Sunday.

Just suppose the Lord should take away the child whom the parents use as an excuse for staying away from church.

Just suppose the Lord should make some people as poor as they are when asked to help finance His program.

A CROWD AT BETHANY PARK

Below: One of the lines of customers waiting to get into the campground cafeteria for the noon meal.



Here and There

ALAMO—The new pastor, succeeding Brother W. E. Kern, who resigned late in the spring, is Brother O. C. Kitchens. Brother Kitchens comes to us from Fort Worth, Texas.

ANTIOCH—Pastor R. M. Catlett reports that there were good, substantial results from the seven weeks of revival meetings. Evangelists Bird Lee and Lois Alexander of Oklahoma held there from Easter to Mother's Day. During the campaign 25 were saved and 31 filled with the Holy Spirit.

BENICIA—Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker held a combination revival campaign and vacation Bible school with Pastor Joe H. Harper from July 15 to 29. The Walkers come from Fort Worth, Texas.

CUPERTINO—Evangelist J. B. Stark held a week of good meetings for Pastor J. C. Merwin from June 17 to 24.

DELHI—Pastor P. R. Ford has resigned to accept the call to the Sebastopol assembly.

FAIRFIELD—The North Bay Fellowship meeting was held there June 18. Pastor Clarence Arnold of St. Helena was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Pastor L. L. Ferguson of Martinez. Carl R. Tucker is the pastor in Fairfield.

FORT BIDWELL—The church was host to the Shasta section C. A. rally held June 26. Pastor Wm. L. Shelley of Alturas was in charge of the service. The speaker was Pastor Walter Boring of Mount Shasta. The pastor in Fort Bidwell is Eunice Lindvall.

FORT BRAGG—Brother Ivan Chapman, under whose ministry the past four years the work was begun and developed to its present size, has resigned as pastor to become the pastor in San Bruno.

GREENVILLE—Pastor Don North reports: "The Lord met with us in a special way during our five weeks of meetings with Brother Earl Henderson. Several were saved, and there were many definite healings. We enjoyed the Pentecostal blessing through the campaign, and there were 10 baptized in water. We are praising God for our growth, as well as for the new Sunday school rooms we have had to add on."

KELSEYVILLE—Brother Raymond Harper, who has been pastor in Orland until recently, is the new pastor, succeeding Brother Clarence Arnold, who has gone to St. Helena.

LAKEPORT—Pastor S. S. Webster reports having a great day of fellowship and blessing June 11, when the Lake-

Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there. The afternoon service was a sectional rally of the Women's Missionary Council. The speaker, Sister Eileen Edwards, was given a grocery shower at the close of the service, the things to be packed in a steel drum in preparation for being sent with her when she returns to India later in the year. The evening speaker was Evangelist E. J. Holmes of Lakeport, who had returned for the fellowship meeting.

LODI—Brother T. J. Custock has resigned as pastor. The farewell service was held July 1.

LOVELOCK—The Nevada fellowship meeting was held in Lovelock June 18. Evangelist Charles Kerner was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was L. J. Zurfley. The Zurfleys were in Lovelock at the time holding vacation Bible school.

MODESTO—(Bethel) — Exceptionally good crowds attended the evangelistic meetings held there in June by Brother Arnold Weston, who has recently returned again from British West Africa.

OAKLAND (Calvary)—Brother Charles B. Dobbins has resigned as pastor.

OAKLAND (First Church)—Brother E. Elsworth Krogstad has resigned as pastor. He was camp speaker in the Minnesota camp meeting at Alexandria, and he and the family have been away for an extended trip during the summer.

REDWOOD CITY—After serving as pastor since October 1942, Brother E. R. Gomes resigned early in June, and culminated his ministry there early in July. Within the past year the assembly has built a new church edifice on Middlefield Road at Cassia, moving to the new location, from Roosevelt Avenue, in February.

RIO DELL—Brother David A. Watson has resigned the pastorate.

RIPON—Sister Mary E. Moore has resigned as pastor. The new pastor is David Watson.

SACRAMENTO (Capital)—Brother M. L. Crosson has resigned as pastor, and is succeeded by Brother Floyd McWhinney. Brother McWhinney, recently again in evangelistic work, has served several years in San Diego as pastor. Brother Crosson began his ministry in Sacramento over 15 years ago. The assembly at that time met in a mission hall at Sixth and I Streets. Three years ago, when the present church building was finished, the congregation moved to its new home at 28th and C Streets. The stucco building seats 275.

There are plans for building on the lot next door to accommodate larger Sunday school quarters and to provide a parsonage. Brother Crosson will maintain his home in Sacramento for a time. He is engaged to be in evangelistic services in Colorado for the rest of the summer.

SAN BRUNO—Brother Ivan Chapman, formerly of Fort Bragg is the new pastor. The former pastor, Brother O. W. Keyes, had his farewell service June 24 and returned to Texas, from which state he was called when he became president of Glad Tidings Bible Institute in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — Pastor L. R. Keys was away for the month of July. He was camp meeting speaker at the Living Waters Camp at Watrous, Saskatchewan, Canada, July 3 to 15. On August 1 Brother Gaylord Atwell concluded his many years of ministry in the temple, having been assistant pastor, as well as music director, for the last three years. The Atwells have gone to Southern California, where Brother Atwell joins the staff of Southern California Bible College. Evangelist Claude Wood begins a campaign in the temple August 12.

SEBASTOPOL — Brother P. R. Ford, formerly in Delhi, has been chosen to be the new pastor, succeeding Pastor Billy S. Parks.

STOCKTON (Calvary)—Pastor L. H. Rogers reports having excellent results during the six days of children's revival. Charles and Irene Senechal of San Lorenzo held there June 24 to 29. The last evening, there were 156 in attendance under 13 years of age.

SUTTER—Pastor Lester Kersey reports having very good revival meetings for two weeks in June with the Rosenquist evangelistic party.

VACAVILLE—Pastor Melvin Steward reports: "The pastors and congregations of Winters, Capay, Dixon and Vacaville assemblies had a union baptismal service in Putah Creek Sunday afternoon, June 3, when 16 were baptized in water: eight from Vacaville, three from Dixon, and five from Capay. The afternoon message was given by Evangelist Calvin Zeissler of San Jose. Over one hundred people attended and enjoyed not only the fellowship but also the dinner served under the trees. The pastor in Dixon is Stanley Walsh; in Capay, E. Cornwall; in Winters, E. E. Zimmerman. Evangelist Claude Wood started a union meeting in Vacaville on July 22 with the same churches co-operating.

WEITCHPEC—Pastor N. R. Ingram of Klamath was the afternoon speaker and Mena Filardo, temporarily located in Klamath, was the evening speaker at the Redwood district fellowship meeting held there June 4. The pastor in Weitchpec is Frank Horne.



PERSONAL MENTION

Evangelist CLAUDE WOOD held revival meetings in Calvary Tabernacle in Fresno for three weeks ending July 8. There were good crowds and good response in the services.

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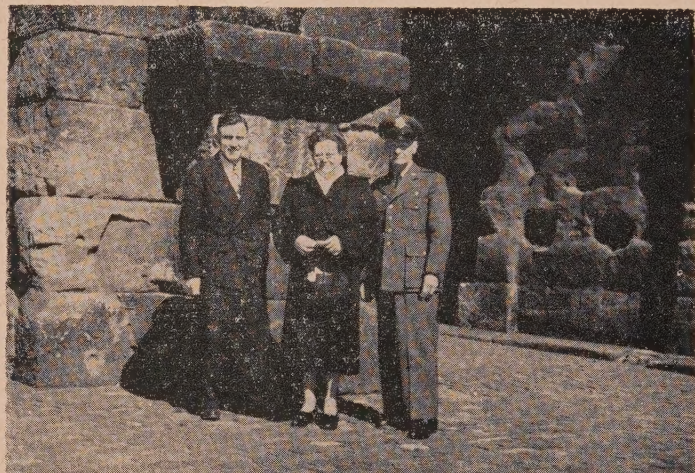
Brother LAWRENCE ECK, who has been traveling with the Parsons evangelistic party, has settled with the party for a time in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in a revival center known as the Grand Temple.

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Evangelist STANLEY MacPHERSON was in St. Georges, Grenada in revival meetings in early June. This island in the West Indies, 12 miles wide and 21 miles long, has a population of 72,000. On it are raised cocoa, sugar cane, nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon, and bananas. Over 300 came forward for salvation and scores for healing. From there he went to the Barbados for several days of meeting. Then on to Puerto Rico, Haiti, Jamaica and Cuba. July 29 was the opening day of meetings Brother and Sister MacPherson are holding in Atlanta, Georgia, in East Lake Assembly.

Above: The joint baptismal service in Putah Creek near Vacaville. See **HERE** and **THERE**.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."—Prov. 3:6



Above: Brother Fred Wulf with Chaplain and Mrs. Frank W. Smith at the Roman Tower and entrance gate called Porta Nigra in the center of the city of Treir, which is in the French Zone of Germany, about one hour's trip from Luxemburg. Built before Christ was born, none of the walls are less than six feet thick. Chaplain Smith, who serves in the air force, has been stationed in Germany for the past two years. Brother Wulf, returned to Germany last fall to work among his people, has had very good results in his ministry and has had his visit to his homeland extended several months longer than was his original plan to stay.

In judging others, a man labors to no purpose, commonly errs, and easily sins; but in examining himself, he is always wisely and usefully employed—Thomas A. Kempis.

CHURCH IN THE COUNTRY

Below: Grace and Truth Tabernacle four miles out of Kerman. The attendance was 256 the Sunday in early summer when this picture was taken. Brother J. C. Snyder is the pastor.



Missionaries and Displays of Much Interest At W. M. C. Camp Services

An old song goes "How beautiful to walk in the steps of the Saviour," and the Scriptures says, "He (Jesus) went about doing good." Many missionaries have been made happy this year from the abundant supply of beautiful and practical gifts of the many Women's Missionary Councils, because the women have been "walking in the light" while praying and filling their Treasure Chests for camp with their handiwork. The missionaries have not only received for themselves, but for the Bible schools many of them represent and for other missionaries on the field. The display, which filled every available space in the dormitory prayer room, was admired by many; and the large notion dolls created a great deal of curiosity and comment. Several of these were valued at around \$30 each. It has been suggested that we surely need a building where our W.M.C. displays and missionary curios can be shown. Such a building could be used for a W.M.C. commissary, as many missionaries visit G.T.B.I. during the year.

To those who were not privileged to attend camp this year: we sincerely wish you could have been here to enjoy the fellowship and glorious presence of the Lord in our midst and enter into the burden of World Missions as it was brought to our hearts. Sister Elsie Isensee gave her testimony of God's comfort and blessing in her time of sorrow in the loss of her husband and gave thanks to the W.M.C.'s for prayers and gifts. Brother Clyde Hummel, pastor at Garberville, told of his trip to Hawaii and how the Lord helped in the purchase of lots and the building of a combined church and parsonage in Lihue, on the Island of

Kauai, where his daughter Rosemary Goins and her husband are gathering a Sunday school and congregation. Sister Herbert Felton gave a true testimony in Spanish of a widow who was saved in Peru, and Brother Felton gave the interpretation. Sister Daniels and Elaine told of their gospel work in southern Peru and what good ammunition Spanish literature makes in the battle against sin. Bernhard Johnson, Jr., of Brazil and Roger Williams, Central America, gave impressions of the foreign field and what it is like to be a missionary P.K. (P.K. stands for Preacher's Kid).

Sister Winkleman told of their work in American Samoa and their adopted eight-year-old daughter, Ruth, sang in English and in the Samoan language. We also heard from Sister Ralph Williams of Central America, Brother Dowdy and Sister Bob Thomas of South America, Inez Kreiss of India, Brother John Kennedy and Mr. Grant, his African Kru pastor, and Sister John Tinsman of Indonesia. Mildred James arrived at camp in time to tell us some of her experiences in Alaska.

The need of the mission fields everywhere is great and we were also reminded of the great need in our own beloved state and nation by Mrs. Nellie Miller, president of California North Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Her subject was "Where is Alcohol Taking Us?" economically in taxes, physically in deaths attributed to alcohol, and in young people who are or will be alcoholics or users of narcotics or will become criminals because of alcohol. The aim now of the liquor industry is to promote moderation in the use of alcohol in the

church. Mrs. Miller stated that every church member should be a member of the W.C.T.U.. Information can be obtained by writing W.C.T.U. of California, 268 Market Street, San Francisco.

Each day opportunity was given to report local and sectional projects which include outfitting missionaries with clothing, household linens, canned foods, sewing for children and "adopting" missionary children. Lake and Mendocino section is packing a drum with canned and packaged foods for a missionary to take to the field. The report is that the response has been so enthusiastic that they have practically enough to fill two drums already. South San Joaquin section is buying a refrigerator-deep freeze combination for a missionary returning to a very hot climate. North Bay section purchased a long and short wave portable Zenith radio for a missionary returning to the field, and East Bay section is furnishing a guest room at G. T. B. I.

The request for coupons has brought in many, and Sister Minogue has been able to help several missionaries obtain silver. She has a plan for home missionaries to obtain silver also if someone will help with the small amount of money needed. Write her for information, 780 Powell St., Hollister.

Dolls made of children's toys were of special interest since request has come in that they be displayed for the W. M. C. at national convention at Atlanta, Ga. These dolls with balloon faces were the inspiration of two young mothers as they thought of toys their own children would enjoy. They contain color books, crayons, blocks, string, small garden tools, plastic paddles, balls, a toy automobile, a toy watch and such articles, one dressed in a little two-year-old boy's tee shirt and sun suit, the other in a little four-year-old girl's dress.

Mrs. Behlan, president of the Sunnyvale W. M. C., told of a recent local rally and of the new interest created when all could see the things made and hear the report of the accomplishments for the year. A lovely name quilt was presented as a personal gift to the pastor and his wife and a wedding ring comforter to the parsonage.

Mrs. A. G. Benning of Woodland W. M. C. has a scrap book of original poems written by the women telling how each earned a dollar for the W.

Part of the W. M. C. display at the camp meeting. The garments and household linens are the work of the ladies in the local churches. The notion dolls are made up of a large accumulation of gadgets and handy items to be used around the house, put together in ingenious fashion for the pleasure and surprise of the missionary.



M. C. fund. The verses were so interesting and humorous she said it gave their work publicity and new workers were added to their number, as well as adding to the fund.

All of these projects are very practical and necessary and the sectional projects make for better fellowship and good spirit and encourage lagging groups to participate. It all adds up to increased missionary interest. We trust this will bear fruit as we plan sectional missionary conventions under the direction of Brother Leonard Palmer, newly appointed missionary secretary, this fall.

A hearty thank you to every group for your wonderful cooperation and prayers. God bless you!

Mrs. R. J. T.



Above: The "graduating" group in the vacation Bible school conducted in Lovelock with Pastor and Mrs. C. M. McPheeters by the L. J. Zurfleys (Sailor Bill and Shipmate Helen) of Sunnyvale. The Zurfleys are shown at the left, together with Sister Martin of Lovelock, who helped. At the right are shown Brother and Sister McPheeters. The children received recognition for the required attendance and memorizing the required number of Scripture verses.

Liquor Tax and Toll

A recent tax amendment before the Sacramento Legislature endeavored to increase the State liquor tax from 80c to 85c per gallon to finance research centers and alcoholics. If the liquor industry were required to carry the cost of the damage wrought by liquor in crime, morals, broken homes, insanity, and broken health, it would not be in business very long.

Persistent people begin their success where others end in failure.

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Blessed are they who have nothing to say and cannot be persuaded to say it.

SERVING

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the streets and in railroad depots and bus stations.

Not only the *printed* word, but the *spoken* word is effective. If your group could obtain a permit to hold a street meeting in a strategic location in your town (a place where many men in uniform pass by-, you could do a great deal toward getting a message from God to their hearts.

If your group happens to be part of a large church with good resources, you might spark-plug a move toward setting up a service center or hospitality home. So many of God's people are lacking in vision and are niggardly with their funds, yet there are such great possibilities in this line to do great exploits for God. If your group could help your church catch a vision of what could be done for God and souls in this line, you will have done a real service. God's children need to be stirred up to a realization of what *needs* to be done and what *can* be done for God.

In any case, whether the group is large or small, located near a military center or in a place where a uniform is seldom seen, all can *pray* for our servicemen, and all can support the work of our denomination through the Servicemen's Division of the National C. A. Office.

—C. A. Guide

The best place to criticize your neighbor is in front of your own mirror.

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Religion is like muscle—if we do not use it we will lose it.



HOOPA CAMP MEETING INDIAN CAMP August 3 to 12

Boardman Sisters
Children's Church and School
C. F. Rowe Camp Director
Chas. Pepper Speaker

Brother Pepper, himself part Indian, is speaker again this year at the annual Indian gathering on the Trinity River.

Left—Brother Pepper in Indian dress at last year's camp.

Below—Some of the women of the Hoopa reservation in Indian dress at last year's camp.



Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Spiritual Values

The president of the National Education Association, in their convention in San Francisco the early part of July, stated that he felt the American schools are "doing better than we were 20 years ago" as far as writing, reading and arithmetic are concerned, and added that he would like to see more stress put on the fourth "R"—the one in human relations. Youth today is being taught how to make a living, but what is needed to be stressed is how to make a life, especially a spiritual life.

Aircraft to the Moon

An atomic scientist, Dr. L. B. Borst, has declared that super aircraft which could go to the moon may be a reality in the world's future atomic peacetime age. The resurrection power of Christ will take us beyond the moon to heaven.

Artificial Kidney

A recent article announced that a young woman was near death, poisoned because her kidneys were not working. Then her blood was purified by an artificial kidney. In the last three years, the spare kidney was used 167 times on 118 patients, helping or saving the lives of many. But the fact still remains that the spare kidney cannot cure persons with a chronic kidney ailment. It is only used to give the organ a rest so that it might recover or to put it in good shape for an operation. The kidney that man has created is a large cumbersome instrument, but God has created a compact unit that man has not been able to match.

Current Slaughters

It is reported that since last June the North Korean Communists have slain 20,000 Christians. In Seoul 10,000 were slaughtered in one day. Few Christian leaders are left alive in Korea today. Many pastors and church leaders have not been heard of since the invading Red army swept South Korea.

Whether from behind the Iron Curtain with atrocities reported from Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania or from Italy, Spain, Mexico, and South America, the tales of cruelty bear a strange resemblance. Though Communists and Romanism have waged a bitter battle against each other for the control of many lands, both of these totalitarian powers have made it their chief concern to liquidate Protestant Christians.

Wonder Weapons

Informed sources state that some of the new weapons developed by the United States Army are electrically controlled: 60 caliber machine gun, a 25-ton airborne tank which can destroy the

Russian made T34 tank, a new automatic rifle weighing only 6½ pounds, and a recently developed helicopter capable of delivering three tons of supplies.

Mankind is ever devising new means and methods to destroy each other.

American War Dead

The Association of Casualty and Surety Companies announces that the American war dead, including those killed in the revolution, have reached a total of 996,500. The one millionth American soldier to be killed in war will fall about August 1 if Korean casualties continue at the recent rate and if the war is not terminated.

Shocking Casualty List

Were the Department of Defense to announce, after one year of fighting in Korea, that the United States had suffered casualties totaling 1,835,300 the nation would be rocked to her very foundations. There would be grave outcries for a change in the high command and even some demands that this bloody war be ended as not worth the price. And such would be justified. Yet in the single year of 1950 the traffic casualties in the United States reached the all time high of 1,835,300—35,500 killed and 1,799,800 maimed and mangled. More people are killed and maimed by cars than by bullets.

Home Built in Less Than Four Hours

A new world record was claimed June 2 in Santa Rosa by a crew of house builders who completed a two-bedroom home in less than three hours, 39 minutes and 10 seconds.

Two hundred workers began their task at 12:30, and at 3:40 my cousin, Miss Mary Ann Kettelsen, a Miss America entry, was ready to take a shower in her bathing suit. The house was finished, had a landscaped yard and all utilities working.

That may be a record for man, but our Lord has built us a mansion far superior in less time in the heavenly places for those who look for his appearing.

13,000 MPH Flying Speed

Flight speeds of up to 13,000 miles an hour are being prepared for in research conducted at the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory.

When mankind has finally been able to attain this speed in a passenger-carrying plane, one could leave New York at noon and be in San Francisco the same day for breakfast, gaining three hours. Though this speed may be terrific, yet it doesn't compare with the speed of the rapture.

China Purge

Recent reports indicate that in China the Communists have killed at least one million people, and millions of others are doomed to mines and labor camps. The Communists' strategy of wiping out all its opposition has spread from Russia to China and as the Communist hordes extend their borders the same reign of terror should spread with them.

This is just a foretaste of what will happen during the great tribulation.

Higher Speeds and Higher Heights

The Navy just announced that a small rocket-driven flying laboratory has shattered all existing records for speed and altitude.

The needle-nosed, 40-foot long Sky-rocket smashed through the sonic barrier and zoomed to an undisclosed height and speed during a test June 11 at Edwards Air Force Base at Muroc. The navy withheld the figures for security reasons. It has been estimated that the plane's actual speed was just short of 1,300 miles an hour, and that the altitude was around 70,000 feet.

We are certainly living in the age of travel when man shall travel at higher speeds and to higher heights.

Marijuana Menace

The public has been shocked by the recent announcements of the terrific inroads that have been made by narcotics among the youth of our nation. Many have been ensnared by marijuana, which when it loses its effect forces the users to go to heroin and other more powerful drugs. These in turn have forced many of the youth into crime and degradation in order to be able to obtain enough funds to maintain their expensive habits. Some contend that the teen ager now is no worse than the flapper and cake eater of a generation ago. Bernard Gregory Stone of Fitchburg, Mass., states, "Anyone who claims that the present generation is no worse than the last one is simply myopic or too young to remember the superior type of teen ager of my day . . . The high school kid, when classes are dismissed for the day, immediately dashes to a tavern with his girl friend, an unheard of thing in my day. This present generation of teen agers is the product of pleasure-loving parents of mediocre education who spend the greater part of their time outside of the home, people who have shirked their responsibilities. They have shown no interest in their children, but have permitted them to grow up like wild animals, ill-mannered, uncouth and lacking judgment commensurate with their age."

Some may not agree with Bernard Stone's opinion of our present day youth, but we all can agree that our youth need Christ. Christ is for the youth and the youth need to be for Christ.